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Draft report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on the substantive session of 2018

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I. Introduction

1. By its resolution 71/314, the General Assembly welcomed the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations (A/71/19), decided that the Committee, in accordance with its mandate, should continue its efforts for a comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects, review the implementation of its previous proposals and consider any new proposals so as to enhance the capacity of the United Nations to fulfil its responsibilities in that field, and requested the Committee to submit a report on its work to the Assembly at its seventy-second session.

II. Organizational matters

A. Opening and duration of the session

2. The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations held its substantive session of 2018 at United Nations Headquarters from 12 February to 9 March 2018 and held four plenary meetings.

3. The session was opened by the Director of the Policy, Evaluation and Training Division of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations on behalf of the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations. At the 254th (opening) meeting, on 12 February, the President of the seventy-second session of the General Assembly addressed the Committee. Statements were also made by the Director of the Policy, Evaluation and Training Division, on behalf of the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, and the Director of the Field Budget and Finance Division of the Department of Field Support, on behalf of the Under-Secretary-General for Field Support.

4. The Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support provided support to the Committee on substantive issues, while the

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Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management served as the technical secretariat of the Committee.

B. Election of officers

5. At its 254th meeting, the Committee elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chair:

Tijjani Muhammad **Bande** (Nigeria)

Vice-Chairs:

Gabriela **Martinic** (Argentina)
Michael **Grant** (Canada)
Takeshi **Akahori** (Japan)
Mariusz **Lewicki** (Poland)

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C. Agenda

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the provisional agenda (A/AC.121/2018/L.1), which read:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Organization of work.
5. General debate.
6. In-session briefings.
7. Consideration of the draft report by the Working Group of the Whole.
8. Adoption of the report to the General Assembly at its seventy-second session.
9. Other matters.

7. The Committee also approved its draft programme of work (A/AC.121/2018/L.2).

D. Organization of work

8. Also at the same meeting, the Committee decided to establish a working group of the whole, to be chaired by Michael Grant (Canada), to consider the substance of the mandate entrusted to the Committee by the General Assembly.

9. The composition of the Committee at its substantive session of 2018 is contained in the annex to the present report. The list of documents for the session is contained in A/AC.121/2018/INF/2 and the list of participants in A/AC.121/2018/INF/4.

E. Proceedings of the Committee

10. At its 254th to 256th meetings, on 12 and 13 February, the Committee held a general debate on a comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects. Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Indonesia (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), El Salvador (on behalf of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States), New Zealand (also on behalf of Canada), the European Union (on behalf of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, Serbia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey and Ukraine), Brazil, China, Colombia, Argentina, Uruguay, the Russian Federation, Egypt, India, Japan, Pakistan, the Philippines, the United States of America, Costa Rica, Turkey, Ecuador, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Indonesia, Thailand, Myanmar, South Africa, Ukraine, Guatemala, the Syrian Arab Republic, Israel, France, Mali, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Norway, Jamaica, Cuba, Bhutan, Ethiopia, Senegal, Rwanda, Nepal, the Republic of Korea, Georgia and Tunisia.

11. Statements were also made by the observers for the International Organization of la Francophonie and the African Union.

12. On 14, 15 and 23 February, the Working Group of the Whole heard briefings. On 14 February, the Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations gave a briefing on operational field issues. On 15 February, the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations and the Under-Secretary-General for Field Support made presentations and engaged in an interactive segment. On 23 February, a representative of the Policy, Evaluation and Training Division gave a briefing on performance of peacekeeping operations.

13. The Working Group of the Whole and its two sub-working groups met from 23 February to 9 March and concluded their work on draft recommendations.

III. Consideration of the draft report of the Working Group

14. At its 257th meeting, on 9 March, the Committee considered the recommendations of the Working Group of the Whole and decided to include them in the present report (see paras. [ ]–[ ]) for consideration by the General Assembly.

IV. Adoption of the report to the General Assembly at its seventy-second session

15. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted its draft report to the General Assembly as introduced by the Rapporteur of the Committee.

V. Proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Committee

16. [*to be inserted*]

Annex

Composition of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Members: The Special Committee currently consists of the following 153 members: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Observers: Botswana, Equatorial Guinea, United Arab Emirates, Holy See, African Union, European Union, International Committee of the Red Cross, International Criminal Court, International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, International Organization of la Francophonie, Organization of Islamic Cooperation, Sovereign Military Order of Malta.